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Enclosed with this airgram is a position paper on the Law of the Sea (LOS) which the EC Commission has transmitted to the Council. It recommends that the Council adopt a decision authorizing the Commission, in consultation with the Member States, to enter into negotiations at the Third UN Conference on the LOS with the view of having a clause inserted into the LOS Convention enabling the EEC to become a contracting party to the Convention.

The Commission recommends that the Council adopt Commission proposals that the Community inform the LOS Conference that in the areas of the LOS convention for which the Community is competent, the Community has adopted and will present joint positions. The Commission also proposes that, in any case, the Member States and the Commission should attempt to adopt a coordinated position and should determine when difficulties should be notified to the Community institutions in Brussels.

The bulk of the Commission paper consists of substantive positions on the main issue of the Conference for which the Commission requests Council approval. These were summarized in the reftel on the basis of a comprehensive briefing by Gallagher, Commission Deputy Director for External Relations, and are summarized in

Enclosure

"Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea"

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